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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide gold star lapel buttons for the next of kin of members of the armed forces who lost or lose their lives in war or as a result of cold war incidents.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
2 United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 57 of
3 title 10, United States Code, is amended --

4 (1) by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

5 "1124. Gold star lapel button: eligibility and distribution
6 "(a) A lapel button, to be known as the gold star lapel
7 button, shall be designed, as approved by the Secretary of
8 Defense, to identify widows, parents, and next of kin of members
9 of the Armed Forces of the United States --

10 "(1) who lost their lives during World War I,
11 World War II, or during any subsequent period of
12 armed hostilities in which the United States was en-
13 gaged before July 1, 1958; or

14 "(2) who lost or lose their lives after June 30,
15 1958 --

16 "(i) while engaged in an action against
17 an enemy of the United States;
18 "(ii) while engaged in military operations
19 involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
20 "(iii) while serving with friendly foreign forces
21 engaged in an armed conflict in which the United

armed force.

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18 "(d) In this section --

19 "(1) 'widow' includes widower;

25 " (4) 'children' includes stepchildren and children
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2 "(5) 'World War I' includes the period from April 6, 1917, to
3 March 3, 1921; and

4 "(6) 'World War II' includes the period from September 8,
5 1939, to July 25, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon. "; and

6 (2) by adding the following new item at the end of the analysis:
7 "1124. Gold star lapel button: eligibility and distribution."

8 Sec. 2. The Act of August 1, 1947 (61 Stat. 710), as amended (36
9 U.S.C. 182a - 182d), is repealed.